about 2000 tonnes of continuous cast copper wire rods returned after toll smelting of copper concentrates abroad arrived at Madras port in a slightly fire damaged condition. Due to all these unforeseen reasons HCL could not fulfil its commitment, to the customers.

(c) HCL has taken steps to meet the commitments from its own production.

Opencast mining projects at Ananta and Khadia

1223. SHRICHETANP.S.CHAUHAN: SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have approved opencast mining projects at Ananta and Khadia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on each of those projects; and

(d) the time by which the production is likely to be started in those projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA):(a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Both these projects have been sanctioned by the Government. Some of salient details are given below:-

Item *Company*	*Ananta OCP* *SECL*	*Khadia OCP* *NCL*
Capital cost (Rs. creores)	156.49	538.75
Capacity	4 mtpa	4 mtpa
Mineable reserves	68.68 mt	88.00mt
Average stripping	0.51 cu.	4.08 cu.
ratio	m.per tonne	m.per tonne
Grade of Coal	F	E
O.M.S.	12.38 tonnes	10.00 tonnes

Both these mines are expected to contribute to coal production during the current year (1991-92).

Gold Mines

1224. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the gold mines where the cost of extracting gold is much higher than its market value; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHIR BALRAM SINGH YADAV):(a) The details of highly uneconomic gold mines which belong to Bharat Gold Mines Limited and the Cost of extracting gold is given below:

(In Rupees)

Name of Mines	*Year-wise cost of production of 10 gram of gold*		
	1988-89	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
Mysore Mine	11,778	)( )(9,078*	10,904*
Champion Reef Mine	5,092	)( )(	
Nundydroog Mine	4,534	9,479	10,588

*The tow mines were amalgamated in 1989-90 and is operating as an amalgamated mine.

(b) A decision has already been taken in November, 1987 to phase out the above mines over a period of 7 years.

Permanent Cell to OMB at Drug Trafficking

1226. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had made any proposal for the creation of a permanent cell in the Commonwealth to help member countries in combating the menace of drug trafficking; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the other member countries thereto and the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Blackmarketing of Petroleum Products

1227. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken against the petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies, which were found indulging in blackmarketing of petroleum products during the last three years in different States, State-wise;

(b) the number of such cases in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(c) the number of licences cancelled in the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grants to Agricultural Universities in U.P.

1228. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Agricultural Universities in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the quantum of assistance sought